

Town of Callahan

'A Florida Municipality'

Town Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Mellecker, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Branham, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Knagge, Laura Dunn (NCEDB Director), and two (2) members of the Media.

Absent: Mr. Fontes

Meeting Called to Order – Mr. Bass at 7:04 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag/Invocation – Pledge and Invocation by Mr. Bass.

Visitors Welcomed and Reminded Minutes are Being Recorded -- Mr. Bass.

Persons Wishing to Address Council on Items Not on the Agenda -- None

Minutes

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
 - Motion Carried.

New Business

- Mayoral Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month
 - Mayor Rau read a Resolution declaring the Month of May 2015 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.
- Chamber Teacher Breakfast
 - Mrs. Knagge read an invitation to the Town from the Chamber requesting the Town to help Sponsor the Annual Teacher Breakfast.
 - Mayor Rau stated that the Town had done a \$100 donation last year to Sponsor a table.
 - Mr. Branham stated this could be done out of Town Promotions & doesn't require a Resolution.

- Motion to Sponsor a table at The Teacher Breakfast for \$100 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
 - Motion Carried.

Recurring Business; Water & Sewer Adjustments -- None

Review & Approval of Town Expenditures

- General Fund **\$18,365.80**
 - Motion to Pay the General Fund by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Fund **\$25,742.31**
 - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.
- Water & Sewer Disbursements **None**

Around the Council Table

- **Mayor**
 - Reminder that Railroad Days are the 18th & the Parade starts at 11:00 AM.
- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
 - Damaged Park doors were replaced and now have Child Proof Levers. Cost was \$1000.
 - Would like to have the woods by the Pavilion cleaned out, so they are safer for users.
 - Mr. Bass stated the Methodist Men have offered to help wherever needed. Mr. Williams will contact them about possibly helping with the brush.
- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer** -- Absent
- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** -- Nothing
- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**
 - Residents have complained about the ditches at Thompson's Mall on 3rd Street across from VyStar need to have markers or something.
 - Mayor Rau stated that should be the owner's responsibility not the Town's.
 - Mr. Bass stated there really should be pipes or poles marking them.
 - Mr. Williams will look into and decide if whose responsibility it is and what can be done about it.
- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing this meeting, but will have something after next Monday night's Planning & Zoning Meeting.

➤ **Mr. Branham – Attorney** -- Nothing

➤ **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**

- Informed Council to take their devices by Mr. Clifton's house or by Town Hall for email to be added since he doesn't work at night.
- Reminded the Council that the required Ethics Training will be at the Town of Orange Park Town Hall on April 9th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Maps
- National Day of Pray – May 7th
- JDRF Walk on this coming Saturday at 8:00 AM

➤ **Mr. Williams – Town Manager** -- Nothing

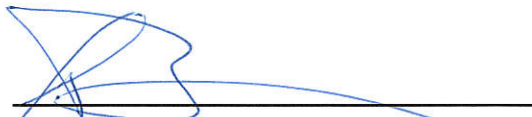
➤ **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**

- MSTU was in the Newsleader again and it is something we need to look into, because it could end up costing our citizens a lot.
 - Mr. Branham said it appears that the County wants to reduce the MSTU, but in turn add to the Ad Volorem taxes.
 - Mr. Bass stated that from the article it appears the County will be refunding past MSTU taxes back to Fernandina Residents.
 - Mr. Mellecker stated that we have told the County No to taxing our residents with the MSTU before, but it appears they are trying again. The un-incorporated residents will be fine; however, residents within the Municipalities taxes would go up, which is not okay.
 - Mr. Branham will look into it further and let the Council know what he finds out.

➤ **Mrs. West – Westside Journal**

- Reminded the Council that the Special Olympics Torch Run will be starting at West Nassau at 1:00 PM on Friday the 10th and ending at Callahan Barbeque.

Adjourn -- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried. Time: **7:29 PM**



John Kenneth Bass, Council President



Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

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